

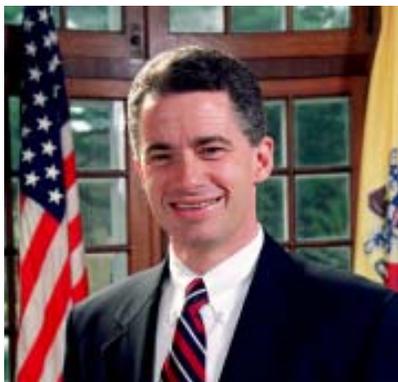
# New Jersey Family Assistance Center



## Update:

## August 3, 2004

### Message from Governor McGreevey:



James E. McGreevey

On June 30, 2004, I was pleased to announce the selection of the winning design for the New Jersey 9-11-01 Memorial Design Competition. Frederic Schwartz' "Empty Sky" was selected by a unanimous vote of the Families and Survivors Memorial committee.

Frederic Schwartz of Frederic Schwartz Architects created a world-class design that will provide the families, survivors and the State with a New Jersey September 11th memorial that will be a meaningful place for contemplation and remembrance. It will be a powerful place where families, friends, and survivors can gather together to reflect upon the many ways those lost touched our lives.

Frederic Schwartz, who has worked on projects in Lower Manhattan for over twenty-two years, designed a memorial that remembers those lost while simply and powerfully connecting the New Jersey community to Ground Zero. The memorial's strength lies in its simplicity and ability to resonate as it honors not only those individuals lost, but also New Jersey's witnesses, survivors and volunteers. As community members

visit the site, they will become a part of the memorial as they look across the river to Ground Zero and the "Empty Sky".

Mr. Schwartz created The "Empty Sky" design to honor both the memory of those lost and the special place that they called home. He views his proposed design as a connection between two communities, New Jersey and Lower Manhattan, forever linked by the river that unites them.

Located at the northeast end of Liberty State Park, the memorial will stand 30-feet high and 200-feet long. Composed of twin brushed stainless steel walls which will face one another — reflecting the constantly changing light of day. When experiencing the dramatic reflective space, visitors will see the brushed stainless steel walls, ground Zero and the "Empty Sky". The memorial will invite the visitors to literally and metaphorically look to the empty sky in memory as they look forward together as a community.

The memorial's walls will be flanked

As this newsletter goes to press, we await word from New York City as to what events will be scheduled for the third anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks. The Governor's Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance will be in touch with family members once we have received details of the commemorative events planned for that day.

by a 16-foot wide paved path of blue-stone and will be dedicated to the nearly the 700 New Jerseyans — men, woman and children — who were lost. The walls, bearing engraved names of each individual lost, will also provide a 2-foot base at each wall so that visitors will be able to leave items of remembrance.

The memorial will channel through a gently sloped mound directing the viewer's sightline to Ground Zero —

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revealing a powerful perspective. Groves of dogwood trees that distinctly reflect the seasons through their lush green foliage in the summer, red leaves in the fall, sturdy silhouette and rich-brown bark in the winter, and beautiful blossoms in the spring will buffer the site. The north grove of the site will provide shelter for two steel beams retrieved from the World Trade Center and a quiet place for contemplation that will also offer a view of Ground Zero. Violets, New Jersey's State flower, will be scattered throughout the lawn at the site.

At dusk, two types of lighting will illuminate the memorial – lighting at the base will wash the walls with a soft upward glow. Vertical lights will generate cool white beams that will extend into the sky the night sky.

New Jersey's September 11th Memorial competition was launched in December. It was a world-wide, two-stage competition, designed to select an inspiring memorial design. A Professional Advisory Committee of distinguished design professionals reviewed all proposals received during stage one and

helped to narrow the selection process down from three hundred and twenty received proposals to six finalists. The Families and Survivors Memorial Jury then thoroughly reviewed the six finalists – unanimously designating a first winner.

For more information on the New Jersey September 11th Memorial, please visit [www.nj.gov](http://www.nj.gov) and for more information on Frederic Schwartz, please visit [www.schwartzarch.com](http://www.schwartzarch.com).

The Families and Survivors Memorial Jury would appreciate it if next of kin would email or write to the Governor's Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance (ORVA) to advise them of the correct spelling of their loved one's name(s) and as they would like it to appear on the memorial. Please include your name, address, phone number and e-mail address (if available) in case there are any questions. Family members should agree on the form of the loved one's name before it is submitted. ORVA's contact information is:

**609 777-1248**  
**[celeste.collier@lps.state.nj.us](mailto:celeste.collier@lps.state.nj.us)**  
 P.O. Box 091, Trenton, N.J. 08625.

### Resources

❖ ***Safe Horizon's Project Rescue and Recovery*** provides free and confidential mental health services to public safety workers and/or anyone involved in September 11 rescue and recovery efforts, and their families. To see if you are eligible or to schedule an appointment, please call **347-328-8110** and ask to speak to a Project Rescue and Recovery staff member. Or, visit their Web site at [www.safehorizon.org/page.php?page=projectandr](http://www.safehorizon.org/page.php?page=projectandr)

If you lived, worked, or were near the WTC site on 9/11, it's important that you enroll in the ***WTC Health Registry***. Quarterly reports with updated findings from the WTC Health Registry will be available on the Web site. To enroll, call **866-NYC-WTCR (866-692-9827)**. New York City residents can call 311 for general information. Go to <http://wtcrpreenroll.rti.org> to pre-register online.

❖ ***Tuesdays Children*** will host another session of "Creative Insight: Taking the Next Step" which is a course to assist in improving natural problem solving skills and building creativity. Five sessions will be held on September 24, October 15, November 5, November 19 and December 10, 2004 at the Merck Corporate Conference & Learning Center, 300 Franklin Square Dr., Somerset, N.J. For more information, please contact: Jacqui Caruso-Smith at **732 530-5385** or [jacqui@tuesdayschildren.org](mailto:jacqui@tuesdayschildren.org) or visit the Web site at [www.tuesdayschildren.org](http://www.tuesdayschildren.org).

### NJFAM Update

The Family Advocate Program (FAP) administered by New Jersey Family Advocate Management, Inc. (NJFAM) has enrolled a total of 672 families since its inception in March 2002. As a result of evolving conditions, there are currently 126 active cases, 135 supportive cases, 170 inactive cases and 241 closed cases. Active cases are defined as monthly and collateral contacts with clients to assist in accessing benefits and services or following up on previous links. Supportive cases are defined as monthly contacts to provide emotional support or messages to clients for the same purpose or sporadic contact either via email, telephone or face-to-face. Inactive cases include contact with clients for the primary purpose of providing information. This category is assigned to cases where the client is not ready to agree that the case is closed.

As of July 1, the FAP is comprised of 12 advocates (some full and others part time) and 4 part time supervisors. The supervisors donate their time to the FAP.

Families may move through the continuum of care at a pace that works for them. Cases that were closed may be reopened if a need arises. An advocate may be reassigned by simply calling NJFAM at **866-652-7474** and requesting reactivation. The FAP continues to be dedicated to its goal of assisting families impacted by 9-11 when necessary and connecting them to existing services in their communities.

NJFAM's Web site [www.njfam.org](http://www.njfam.org) continues to include useful updated resources and announcements.

New Jersey Family Advocate  
 Management Web site:

[www.njfam.org](http://www.njfam.org)

## Help for Children Suffering from Traumatic Stress Reactions

The U.S. Department of Justice has reported that, nationally, one in four youths experiences a significant traumatic event by age 16. Many children experience multiple traumas. Examples of traumatic events include natural disasters; school shootings; violence, neglect, or abuse in the home; school bullying; the death of a family member or friend; and chronic or life-threatening illness. Researchers have documented disrupted academic performance, negative classroom behavior, and lower school attendance among students with traumatic stress reactions.

Marleen Wong, director of the National Center for Child Traumatic Stress (NCCTS), a congressional initiative established in 2001, explained how trauma affects children at different ages/stages of life:

- ◆ Children may not do well in preschool because domestic violence has inter-

fered with their brain development, capacity to learn, and behavior.

- ◆ In elementary school, exposure to trauma and violence can lead to poor sleep and poor learning, compromising acquisition of basic skills.
- ◆ A middle school child may be exposed to bullying or violence in the community and go on to develop symptoms of post-traumatic stress that disturb academic performance, classroom behavior, and school attendance.
- ◆ A student in high school may suffer a traumatic loss because of the death of a close friend through a traffic accident, school violence or suicide, and become seriously depressed and unable to learn.

NCCTS has created new online resources to help school personnel address the social, psychological, and academic toll

that traumatic experiences can take on children and adolescents. Access the resources at [www.NCTSNet.org](http://www.NCTSNet.org)

Read about “Coping with Tragedy” and “When Disaster Strikes” on National PTA’s Web site at [www.pta.org/parent\\_involvement/remembrance/index.asp](http://www.pta.org/parent_involvement/remembrance/index.asp).

Also available from National PTA is a three-part series on bullying: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)

In addition, The National Institute of Mental Health is sponsoring a research study for children who lost a loved one in the WTC attack. Participants will be compensated for their time. Study meetings can occur in Manhattan, White Plains, or Staten Island, NY and Teaneck, New Jersey. For more information about participating, contact Cynthia R. Pfeffer, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Weill Medical College of Cornell University, New York Presbyterian Hospital, 21 Bloomingdale Road, White Plains, NY 10605. Call **914-997-5849** or email [cpfeffer@med.cornell.edu](mailto:cpfeffer@med.cornell.edu).

## 9/11 Commission

The 911 Commission has completed its report. It is available at: [www.gpo.access.gov/911](http://www.gpo.access.gov/911) and [www.9-11commission.gov](http://www.9-11commission.gov). In a statement July 26, the Family Steering Committee, which represents many of the bereaved families of the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 Attacks, called for a public debate about the proposals issued by the commission that investigated them. They said that public involvement is essential if the panel’s report is to avoid “the fate of past Commissions, whose reforms were never implemented.” In addition, Congressional leaders have scheduled a series of hearings this summer examining the commission’s recommendations, and President Bush has ordered officials to review them, to see what can be achieved without legislation.

To read the Family Steering Committee’s latest Statement and for other information, visit [www.911independentcommission.org](http://www.911independentcommission.org).

## Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation recently announced the formation of a Memorial Center Advisory Committee to guide the curatorial mission of the Memorial Center at the World Trade Center site. The Committee includes historians, preservationists, curators, victims’ family members, residents, survivors, and first responders. The Memorial Center will be integrated below ground into the memorial/cultural complex and will tell the countless individual and collective stories of the terrorist attacks on February 26, 1993 and September 11, 2001. The Center will pay tribute to those who lost their lives in these horrific attacks, illustrate the greatest rescue effort in history, and tell the story of the Twin Towers and their destruction. These recommendations relate to the curatorial mission and possible program elements of the Memorial Center. Based on public input, these will then be revised and be applied to the further development of the Memorial Center. You can access this information on their Web site at [www.renewnyc.com](http://www.renewnyc.com) and submit your comments on their on-line form. If you have any questions pertaining to this material or other rebuilding matters please call Anthoula Katsimatides at **212-587-9646** or email her at [akatsimatides@renewnyc.com](mailto:akatsimatides@renewnyc.com).

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation has placed all 5,201 submissions for the World Trade Center Memorial Competition online for viewing. To view the submissions, go to [www.WTCSiteMemorial.org](http://www.WTCSiteMemorial.org).

## Events Commemorating the Anniversary of September 11th

**Voices of September 11th** is once again holding its annual Information Forum and Commemorative Luncheon to mark the anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> Attacks. The forum and luncheon are designed to draw attention to the ongoing needs of all those affected by September 11<sup>th</sup>, as well as provide critical information on related social, psychological, financial and legal issues. Both events will be held at the Marriott Financial Center Hotel in New York. The Information Forum, which is open to September 11<sup>th</sup> families, survivors and rescue workers, will be held on September 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The luncheon, which is open only to September 11<sup>th</sup> Families, will follow the commemorative events on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are required and space is limited. Former Mayor Rudolph Guiliani is scheduled to attend the luncheon.

A complete schedule of events for both September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> will be posted on the Voices Web site [www.voicesofsept11.org](http://www.voicesofsept11.org) in the near future or call **203-966-3911**.

**World Trade Center United Family Group** and the Oklahoma City Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism (MIPT) will conclude their 3rd annual exchange program Sept. 9—Sept. 12, 2004 in New York City. The annual peer support program is anchored around the two anniversaries (April and September) and involves travel both to and from New York and Oklahoma City. The exchange will feature a peer support discussion during the Voices of September 11th Information Forum on Sept. 10, 2004. All Sept. 11 families, survivors and rescue workers are encouraged to participate in exchange events and activities. For more info, email: [amg@wtcufg.org](mailto:amg@wtcufg.org)

❖ **September Space:** After the official ceremony at the site, *September Space* will hold a gathering for survivors and their families from 1 to 4 p.m. at 520 8th Avenue at 36th Street. A light lunch will be offered. Please RSVP to Tania Head at:

[tania\\_head@yahoo.com](mailto:tania_head@yahoo.com). For more information, please visit: [www.septemberspace.org](http://www.septemberspace.org).

❖ **One Day's Pay:** One Day's Pay, Inc., is a New York-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 2002 to encourage the observance of September 11th as an annually recognized Day of Service, Charity and Compassion in the United States of America. The idea is to observe 9/11 as a day of service as well as a day of loss. Under the One Day's Pay initiative, people and organizations are invited to visit to make free, non-binding pledges to engage in personal or organized acts of service of some nature on or around 9/11. This information is kept entirely confidential and is used solely to help track the number of participants in the campaign. The charities, including charities related to 9/11, are registered with GuideStar, the national database of non-profit organizations

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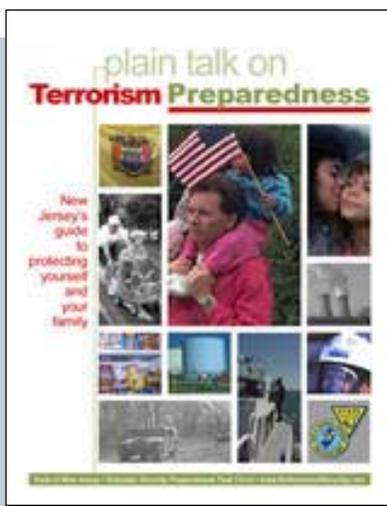
## Living Memorial

September's Mission has decided to create a "Living Memorial" as a way to begin addressing key needs of victims' families and children that can't be fully served until the memorial at Ground Zero and memorial center are built and open to the public.

September's Mission believes that for victims' families, the Living Memorial can fill a critical void now by providing both a public and private place to keep the memory of loved ones alive by documenting their lives, sharing pictures, stories and other memories. It will provide a positive activity to begin the healing process, allow for connections to be strengthened and expanded among families without geographic limitations.

It will also provide children with an age appropriate place for learning, understanding and communicating about the events of 9/11. Terrorism is a tragic reality of today's world and children need knowledge and tools that can help them feel secure today.

For more information, please visit: [www.septemberspace.org](http://www.septemberspace.org) or call: **888-424-4685**.



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